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# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1897.

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TOWN CLERK,  
JESSE ALLEN.

SELECTMEN,  
C. H. PARKER, D. R. DEAN, F. S. CONANT.

ASSESSORS,  
H. W. LINCOLN, S. H. BULLARD, WM. GAFFNEY.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,  
JESSE ALLEN, WM. S. CRAWFORD, E. MULLETT.

COLLECTOR,  
WM. S. CRAWFORD.

TREASURER,  
JESSE ALLEN.

CONSTABLES,  
C. H. PARKER, W. S. CRAWFORD, C. PAQUIN, JR.  
W. R. DEAN.

AUDITOR,  
W. M. ROBINSON.

FENCE VIEWERS,  
JESSE ALLEN, L. N. HASKELL, A. C. BULLARD.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER,  
WM. S. CRAWFORD, D. R. DEAN, C. H. PARKER.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK,  
D. R. DEAN, W. S. CRAWFORD, EVANDER L. PARKER

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,  
WILLIAM S. CRAWFORD.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
JESSE ALLEN, MRS. M. L. WOODIS, H. W. LINCOLN.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES,  
JESSE ALLEN, MRS. M. L. WOODIS, F. E. DAVIS.

# *Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

WORCESTER—ss:

To William S. Crawford, or either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE I.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. II.—To hear the annual report of the several town officers and act thereon.

ART. III.—To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, three Fence Viewers, six Constables and Auditor for one year. One School Committee, Library Trustee and Cemetery Committee for three years. Also, to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," all on one ballot. Ballot to be folded as received, when presented for deposit in the ballot-box. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

ART. IV.—To choose all necessary town Officers and Committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

ART. V.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ART. VI.—To see if the town will borrow money to meet any liabilities of the town, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. VII.—To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. VIII.—To determine the manner of collecting Taxes the ensuing year.

ART. IX.—To see if the town will employ some person to take care of the town hall and ring the church bell, for the ensuing year or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. X.—To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads the ensuing year.

- ART. XI.—To see if the town will abate any taxes that may be presented for abatement.
- ART. XII.—To determine the manner of supporting paupers the year ensuing.
- ART. XIII.—To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year or pass any vote relative thereto.
- ART. XIV.—To see if the town will vote to have their valuation by the Assessors printed the ensuing year.
- ART. XV.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer and Collector.
- ART. XVI.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate any money for the relief of poor and needy soldiers as required under Chap. 298, Sec. 1 and 2 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1889.
- ART. XVII.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to complete purchase of and to erect markers on graves of Revolutionary soldiers in this town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices and one at the Congregational meeting-house in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this tenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninty-eight.

CLARENCE H PARKER,	} Selectmen of Oakham.
DAVID R. DEAN,	
FRANK S. CONANT,	

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## APPROPRIATIONS.

ESTIMATED FOR 1898-99.

Discount on Taxes,	\$150 00
Paupers,	600 00
Street Lamps,	50 00
Salaries,	300 00
Schools,	1,200 00
Library,	50 00
Soldiers' Relief,	25 00
Opening Roads,	300 00
Repairs on School Houses,	25 00



## 1898 Town Report

The warrant for the forth coming annual town meeting in the spring of 1898 carried many of the articles we are familiar with today: to elect the officers, to raise money, and to arrange for road repair. There were also articles we no longer see: to employ someone to ring the church bell, someone to light the street lamp, and to "determine the manner of supporting paupers".  
For the year ending that March 1<sup>st</sup>, the town's total

expenditure was \$5248.<sup>35</sup>. H.C. Fabes was paid  
68¢ for work on the Common. \$561.<sup>49</sup> was paid for the  
care of paupers which included \$40.<sup>50</sup> for the keeping of  
162 tramps. The schools for that year cost \$1896.<sup>48</sup>



# REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

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We have the privilege of bringing before you the following Report for the year ending March 1st, 1898:

## TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town Clerk for services,	\$28 70	
express,	5 50	
postage and stationery,	1 28	\$35 48

## COLLECTOR.

Paid Collector for services,	75 00	
Collector's book,	1 00	
postage and stationery,	5 00	
Printing tax bills,	1 00	82 00

## TREASURER.

Paid Treasurer for services,	25 00
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## SELECTMEN.

Paid Selectmen for services, C. H. Parker,	25 00	
D. R. Dean,	25 00	
F. S. Conant,	25 00	
postage, stationery and telephoning,	6 51	81 51

## ASSESSORS.

Paid Assessors for services, H. W. Lincoln,	35 06	
S. H. Bullard,	30 00	
Wm. Gaffney,	26 25	91 31

## AUDITOR.

Paid Auditor for services, W. M. Robinson,	15 00
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## SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Overseers of Poor,	561 49
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## SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid School Committee for support of schools,	1896 48
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## STREET LAMPS.

Paid W. C. Ayres,	25 00	
Myron Butterfield,	20 81	45 81

## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid W. A. Nye, Highways,	998 53	
Opening Roads,	158 27	
Repairs on Bridges,	442 08	1598 88

## STATE AID.

Paid H. M. Green,	36 00	
J. E. Stone,	48 00	
Eliza Caldwell,	48 00	
M. J. Kenner,	60 00	
S. Amanda Reed,	48 00	240 00

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid H. M. Green,		1 25
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## BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Paid Geo. W. Stone,	2 00	
W. W. Russell,	2 00	
H. S. Harwood,	4 00	
H. P. Austin,	2 00	
E. Mullett,	2 00	
C. P. Hill,	2 00	14 00

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Library Trustees,		50 00
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## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid I. W. Mullett, printing ballots,	11 50	
printing town reports,	18 00	
C. A. Gleason, care Memorial Hall,	10 00	
ringing bell,	35 00	
Carter, Carter & Kilham, chemicals for extinguisher,	6 95	
H. P. Austin, inspecting cattle,	24 00	
Jason Allen, repairs on hall,	20 91	
Wm. S. Crawford, $\frac{1}{4}$ expense painting church,	44 25	
S. Bothwell, arrest of J. W. Bemis,	22 96	
F. E. Reed, painting hearse,	14 00	
J. H. O. Lovell, printing assessors' reports,	17 25	

Paid W. C. Ayres, labor and oil on hearse house and lockup,	6	70	
F. S. Conant, lead for hearse house and lockup,	4	21	
F. S. Conant, material for glazing on public buildings,	1	98	
H. C. Fobes, work on common,		68	
Miss S. F. Fairbank, wood for hall,	20	00	
Smoke pipe for furnace in Memorial Hall,	18	75	
H. P. Draper, services as sheriff,	6	00	
James Packard, repairs on hearse house,	3	21	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight,	1	10	
John P. Ranger, service as sheriff,	8	16	
James Packard, service as sexton,	14	25	
W. E. Chamberlain, return of births,		50	
C. Paquin, Jr., repairs on pump,	1	65	
Cemetery Committee,	30	00	
A. C. Morse, work on furnace,	1	15	
Record Ink,		92	
Wm. S. Crawford, discount on taxes,	125	55	
“ “ “ abatement of taxes,	40	54	233 03
Total,			5248 38

### RECAPITULATION.

Paid Town Officers,	\$330	30	
Support of Paupers,	561	49	
Schools,	1896	48	
Street Lights,	45	81	
Highways,	998	53	
Bridges,	442	08	
Opening Roads,	158	27	
State Aid,	240	00	
Ballot Clerks and Tellers,	14	00	
Soldiers' Relief,	1	25	
Public Library,	50	00	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	510	17	5248 38

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE H. PARKER,	} Selectmen of Oakham.
DAVID R. DEAN,	
FRANK S. CONANT,	

### LIST OF JURORS AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN:

E. L. Parker, O. D. Tottingham, Wm. S. Crawford,  
Wm. S. Spear, James Sheern, Geo. W. Stone, S. H. Bullard,  
W. C. Bliss, Frank Nye, Elbridge Mullett, G. M. Dean.



# TREASURER'S REPORT.

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## DR.

To Cash Balance,	\$1539 23	
From M. C. Needham & Co., $\frac{3}{4}$ license money,	975 00	
Use of Town Hall	19 00	
Sale of School Supplies,	3 90	
Inspection of Animals,	9 00	
D. R. Dean, Butcher's license,	1 00	
H. P. Austin, Auctioneer's license,	2 00	
C. A. Gleason, grass on common,	2 00	
Education of State Children,	12 50	
High School tuition refunded,	195 25	
Corporation Tax,	7 40	
National Bank Tax,	10 18	
State Aid refunded,	237 00	
Dog Fund,	203 99	
Mass. School Fund,	481 28	
Interest on Bank Deposits,	26 37	
Wm. S. Crawford, Collector,	3841 09	7566 19

## CR.

Paid Selectmen's Orders,	5248 38	
Cash on hand,	2317 81	7566 19

## PINE GROVE CEMETERY TRUST FUND.

The Rev. Geo. E. Gould Trust Fund,	\$100 00
Deposited in Wor. Co. In. for Savings.	

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN, Treasurer.

# COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

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DR.

Taxes committed for Collection in 1897:

State Tax,	\$245 00	
County Tax,	234 00	
Town Tax,	3381 24	
Uncollected Taxes of 1895,	290 52	
"          "      " 1896,	1604 87	
Interest on Taxes,	45 44	5801 07

CR.

Paid State Tax,	245 00	
County Tax,	234 00	
Treasurer's Receipts,	3841 09	
Uncollected Tax of 1895,	99 98	
"          "      " 1896,	273 62	
"          "      " 1897,	1107 38	5801 07

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. CRAWFORD, Collector.

# *Report of the Superintendent of Streets.*

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1898.

## FOR REPAIRING HIGHWAY.

Paid W. A. Nye,	\$388 21	
M. M. Butterfield,	96 88	
Edwin Green,	126 35	
L. P. Green,	107 45	
S. F. Woodis,	96 00	
A. B. Spooner,	23 20	
H. D. Bullard,	7 50	
N. W. Packard,	3 05	
F. Loring,	9 10	
F. Hapgood,	7 00	
N. J. Green,	24 65	
James Sheern,	4 12	
Otis Keep,	1 93	
Elbridge Mullett,	11 27	
D. R. Dean,	19 59	
D. M. Parker,	47 23	
Wm. S. Crawford,	7 00	
George E. Allen,	8 00	
C. H. Parker,	3 63	
Repairs on scraper,	6 37	998 53

## REPAIRING COLDBROOK BRIDGE.

Paid Thomas Hennessy,	\$203 38	
M. M. Butterfield,	10 91	
Wallace Grimes,	21 70	
Edwin Green,	27 45	
L. P. Green,	19 58	
Lewis Erkhart,	1 15	
S. F. Woodis,	16 60	
H. D. Bullard,	28 00	
A. B. Spooner,	1 14	
Harry Caldwell,	6 03	
J. P. Fairbank,	1 84	
D. R. Dean,	12 36	
D. M. Parker,	8 76	
C. H. Parker,	3 95	
W. A. Nye,	64 23	
Town of Barre,	15 00	442 08



OPENING ROADS, 1896-97.

Paid W. A. Nye,	\$12	10	
George Green,		96	
Elbridge Mullett,	5	07	
M. M. Butterfield,	4	45	
L. A. Snow,		61	
David Hallowell,		87	
W. H. Packman,	2	88	
H. A. Crawford,	2	58	
Adolph White,		75	
Albert Hapgood,		52	
L. N. Haskell,	2	91	
John E. Stone,	2	00	
C. Rutherford,		70	
Wm. C. Crawford,	3	78	
W. B. Green,	2	19	
B. S. Reed,	3	15	
Patrick & Michael King,	9	27	
L. W. Knight,	1	09	
L. P. Green,		61	
John P. Gaffney,	10	66	
Patrick McGreevey,	2	80	
James Sheern,	2	09	
Wm. Gaffney,	7	17	
W. M. Robinson,		99	
Wm. Cummings,		43	
C. P. Hill,		52	
Peter White,	8	44	
W. H. Bullard,	3	14	
Edson Hapgood,	1	40	
Peter King,	4	72	
James Butler,	4	20	
S. F. Woodis,		35	
N. N. Brooks,		70	
J. H. Keep,	13	16	
Edwin Green,	2	80	
L. P. Green,	1	75	
N. J. Green,	1	75	
J. P. Fairbank,	2	71	
S. H. Bullard,		80	
A. B. Spooner,	5	26	
George Stone,	3	37	
H. W. Lincoln,	7	15	
Justin Rawson,	2	28	
John Gilboy,	13	14	158 27

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NYE, Street Superintendent.

## *Report of the Overseers of the Poor.*

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Paid Poor Farm Association,	\$200 52
For support of Almira Woodis,	60 00
“ “ Mrs. Charles Burt,	52 00
“ “ Children of George Thresher,	103 04
“ “ Family of Mrs. L. M. Lloyd,	19 28
“ “ Lydia Chamberlain,	13 30
“ “ Mrs. Daniel Rogers,	13 15
“ Keeping 162 tramps,	40 50
Jesse Allen, (Overseer) 13 trips to Holden,	32 50
Jesse Allen, journey and expenses to Boston,	4 50
Jesse Allen, general service,	8 50
Wm. S. Crawford, general service,	7 00
Elbridge Mullett, general service,	6 00
Postage and telephoning,	1 20
	\$561 49

### PERSONS AND FAMILIES AIDED BY THE TOWN:

Miss Eunice Walker,	Aged 72
Miss Almira Woodis,	“ 68
Miss Lydia Chamberlain,	“ 53
Mrs. Charles Burt,	86
Mrs. Lavina B. Field,	73
Mrs. Daniel Rogers,	51
Family of Mrs. Louisa M. Lloyd.	
Children of George E. Thresher.	

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN, WM. S. CRAWFORD, ELBRIDGE MULLETT,	}	Overseers of the Poor.
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# EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

# HOLDEN POOR FARM ASSOCIATION,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1898.

Respectfully submitted by the board of management:

### INMATES RECEIVING SUPPORT:

Name.	Age.	Settlement.	Began.	Period of Support.	No. Days
Martha Parker,	59,	Holden,	April 1, 1890.	Continues.	365
Lizzie Kenney,	41,	"	"	"	365
Nahum S. Newton,	67,	"	Dec. 24, 1891.	"	365
Mabel Connors,	43,	"	April 16, 1896.	Died May 3.	92
Winnifred Durdeen,	50,	"	June 22, 1897.	Continues.	223
George Hall,	50,	"	Mar. 31, 1897.	"	306
Mary Maynard,	33,	"	Dec. 16, 1897,	"	47

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Nancy Boynton,	59,	Hubbardston,	Apr. 1, '90.	Continues.	365
David Rice,	78,	"	Apr. 1, '91.	"	365
Albert Wheeler,	74,	"	Mar. 20, '96.	"	365
Henry Clark,	18,	"	May 18, '97.	"	258
Austin L. Russell,	30,	"	Apr. 1, '97.	Died June 17.	77
John Wilson,	62,	"	Sept. 22, '96.	Dis, Mar. 30.	
			Returned Dec. 15.		105

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Eunice Walker,	72,	Oakham,	April 1, 1892.	Continues.	365
Lavina B. Field,	73,	"	Oct. 31, 1894.	"	365
Carrie Snow,	43,	Paxton,	April 10, 1896.	Continues.	365



Elijah C. Foster, 79, Phillipston,	April 30, '96.	Continues.	365
Charles Dunton, 78,	" April 30, '96.	"	365
W. W. Cobb, 66,	" Mar. 5, '97.	Dis. Apr. 6.	32

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Elizabeth Demond, 77, Rutland,	May 6, '95.	Continues.	365
Rosa Roen, 59,	" April 26, '97.	"	280
Geo. W. Hodgkin,	" June 14, '97.	"	231
John L. Adams, 47,	" Jan. 6, '98.	"	25
Benjamin F. Townsend, 13,	" Oct. 10, '97.	Dis. Dec. 28.	79
Josephine Townsend, 12,	" " " " " "	"	79
Isabel Townsend, 10,	" " " " " "	"	79
Ella Townsend, 8,	" " " " " "	"	79

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Adeline Eager, 57, Westminster,	Apr. 1, '92.	Continues.	365
Margaret Cronin, 52,	" Apr. 1, '92.	"	365
Sarah Blake, 59,	" Aug. 10, '96.	Dis. Mar. 30.	58

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Whole number of inmates, 30. Died, 2.  
 Discharged from the institution, 6. Remaining, 22.  
 Total days board furnished, 7160 or 1022 6-7 weeks.  
 Average weekly number, 19 $\frac{2}{3}$  plus.

Handel Winship remained a boarder until his death July 4th. Nahum S. Newton is an honorable discharged soldier, lives from choice at the institution, Holden receiving full compensation for his board. Mrs. Elizabeth Demond of Rutland is still attended by her sister, Miss Lois Brown as nurse.

The receipts and expenditures are as follows:

#### RECEIPTS.

For Milk,	\$1064 27	
Stock,	53 00	
Pork and Beef,	47 13	
Eggs,	42 69	
Sundry receipts,	32 03	
Handel Winship's board,	85 72	1324 84

## EXPENDITURES.

Warden's and Matron's Salary,	\$575 00	
Inside labor,	158 79	
Outside labor,	111 78	
Grain,	547 54	
Groceries,	401 69	
Meat,	155 79	
Bread,	83 95	
Fish,	40 97	
Clothing and Dry Goods,	125 31	
Tools and Seeds,	45 05	
Drugs and Medicines,	30 32	
Medical attendance,	27 25	
Boots and Shoes,	25 88	
Repairs on Buildings,	68 24	
Crockery and table ware,	19 67	
Blacksmithing and repairs on tools,	35 62	
Stock,	155 00	
Fertilizer,	70 00	
Printing articles of Association,	6 00	
Rent,	200 00	
Interest,	120 99	
Wood,	40 00	
Miscellaneous,	151 17	
	<hr/>	\$3196 01
Deducting receipts,		1324 84
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Balance being net expense,		\$1871 17

Cost per week for each inmate, \$1.829 plus.

THE NET EXPENSE TO EACH TOWN IS AS FOLLOWS, VIZ:

Holden,	\$460 74	
Hubbardston,	401 15	
Oakham,	190 76	
Paxton,	95 38	
Phillipston,	199 14	
Rutland,	318 05	
Westminister,	205 95	
	<hr/>	\$1871 17

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES THE ANNUAL CONDITION SINCE ORGANIZATION OF THE ASSOCIATION:

	Number of Inmates.	Weekly Average.	Total No. Weeks.	Cost per Week.
First year,	12	7.7-26	377.5-7	\$2.875
Second year,	16	11.7-36	586	2.243 plus

Third year,	26	21.26-26	1142	1.959 plus
*Fourth year,	30	22.37-306	967	2.232
Fifth year,	30	18.89	982.2-7	2.545
Sixth year,	36	18.12-13	984	2.30
Seventh year,	30	19.11-13	1032	2.138
Eighth year,	30	19.2-3	1022.6-7	1.829 plus

The past year has been a prosperous one for the association, the weekly expense per inmate being the smallest since its organization and unusually good health has been enjoyed by the inmates, only two deaths occurring and the expense for medical attendance has been very small. The present efficient warden and matron Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Potter have been retained for another year. A second silo has been constructed in the barn which will tend to increase the quantity of milk produced. It will be noted that the number of cows has been increased from eight to fifteen under association management. Hon. F. S. Coolidge of Fitchburg contributed his fifth annual Christmas dinner to the inmates of the institution. This association was formed in 1890 with four towns, for a term of three years, and at the expiration of the time was continued for five years. As the second term expires the 31st of March, the seven towns now constituting the association at town meetings held Nov. 2, 1897, each authorized their respective boards of Overseers of the Poor, to arrange for a further continuance of the association, which has been done for another term of five years, under conditions similar to those previously existing, except that Holden is to assume all repairs and alterations of the buildings for an annual rental of the real estate of \$325.

The articles of Agreement and By-Laws are hereby submitted:

### **Preamble and By-Laws of Poor Farm Association.**

We, the subscribers, representing the Towns of Paxton, Holden, Hubbardston, Oakham, Rutland, Phillipston and Westminister, chosen under an article in a warrant for a Town Meeting in our respective Towns, held in November, 1897, reading substantially as follows:

"To see if the Town will choose a committee of three, with power to act with similar committees, which may be appointed by other Towns, to select a suitable place for the co-operative care of the poor, and to arrange terms and conditions for the use of the same, or act or do anything in reference thereto."

\* 10 months,



By virtue of the authority vested in us by our respective Towns, at the meeting aforesaid, and to carry out the intent of our said Towns, we do hereby form ourselves into an Association for the purpose of caring for the poor of our respective Towns, to be called the POOR FARM ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be formed for a period of five years.

ARTICLE 2. The plant shall be managed by one person from each Board of Overseers of the Poor of the Towns forming the Association.

ARTICLE 3. The poor of all the Towns interested, requiring full support, shall be maintained at the plant selected, except the violent and uncontrollable insane.

ARTICLE 4. The expense of maintaining the poor at this place shall be divided among the respective Towns according to the number of weeks' board furnished the poor belonging to that Town.

ARTICLE 5. In case of death, the Warden shall notify, at once, the Town to which the deceased person belongs, who shall care for and bury said person at its expense.

ARTICLE 6. The Board of Management, under this agreement, shall employ a suitable physician to attend and care for all paupers committed to such farm when sick, and the expense thereof, including all needed medicines, shall be charged as items of expense to such said Association.

ARTICLE 7. Any Town desiring to join the Association may do so at the commencement of any Association Year, by vote of the Association.

ARTICLE 8. SECTION 1. The Association shall begin April 1, 1898, and the annual report shall be made the first day of February every year thereafter.

SECTION 2. The Association shall have authority to make contracts for the lease of Real Estate and Personal Property, to be used on the plant of the Association, such contract to be in accordance with these By-Laws.

SECTION 3. The Association hereby select the Holden Poor Farm and the Personal Property thereon, as the plant of the Association, for the term of five years.

ARTICLE 9. The Stock and Personal Property on the said farm in Holden, to be valued for the next five years as the last eight years, such valuation to be charged against the Association, and any deficiency or increase at the final settlement, shall be considered as common items of expense or gain, to be borne by each Town pro-rata, according to the number of weeks' board of paupers each stand charged with at each annual settlement.

## Articles of Agreement between the Town of Holden, by its Committee, and the Poor Farm Association.

The Town of Holden, by its Committee, chosen and authorized by vote of the Town, at a legal meeting held November, 1897, hereby agrees to furnish Real Estate, known as the Holden Poor Farm, with the Personal Property connected therewith, to the POOR FARM ASSOCIATION on the following terms and conditions:

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall carry on the farm of after the manner of good husbandry, spending the hay and fodder grown on the place.

ARTICLE 2. The Association shall pay to the Town of Holden the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$325.00) per year, for the term of five years, from 1st of April, 1898, as rent for the Real Estate.

ARTICLE 3. The Town shall make all necessary repairs, alterations and additions at their expense.

ARTICLE 4. The Personal Property shall be taken at the former appraisal.

ARTICLE 5. The Personal Property shall be appraised by three disinterested men, consisting of the Chairmen of the Boards of Assessors of the Towns of Leicester, Shrewsbury and West Boylston, or by some member of these Boards, at the end of five years. And any deficiency in the valuation at the close, compared with the previous valuation, shall be deemed an expense of the Association, and any excess in the second valuation over the first shall be credited to the Association in settlement with Holden.

ARTICLE 6. The Association shall pay 6 per cent. per year to Holden for the use of the Personal Property, reckoned upon the first appraisal. The Association shall keep the Personal Property fully insured.

ARTICLE 7. The salary and expense of the Board of Management shall be paid by the Town they represent.

ARTICLE 8. The sums above mentioned shall be in full satisfaction for the use of said property, and this writing in nature of contract shall be binding upon all parties, when signed by the committees authorized to do so, by the vote of their respective Towns.

SIGNED by the Overseers of the Poor of the Towns of Holden, Paxton, Hubbardston, Oakham, Rutland, Phillipston and Westminster.

HOBART RAYMOND, WESTMINSTER, President,  
JESSE ALLEN, OAKHAM, Secretary,  
F. T. HOLT, HOLDEN, Treasurer,  
JOHN G. ALLEN, HUBBARDSTON,  
H. H. PIKE, PAXTON,  
D. WEBSTER BAKER, PHILLIPSTON,  
H. A. KENNEN, RUTLAND,

*Board of Management.*

## FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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A good degree of interest has been manifested in our Library during the past year.

The circulation showing quite an increase over any year of its history.

But few volumes have been added to the Library within the year.

A good number of new books would help greatly in preserving and increasing its usefulness among our people.

Whole number of books,	885
Additions during the year,	13
Number of volumes taken out within the year,	1856
Largest number of books taken out in one day,	52
Number of persons taking out books,	184

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### DR.

Balance on hand,	\$15 88
Annual Appropriation,	50 00
Fines and sale of catalogues,	3 62
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	\$69 50

#### CR.

Paid for care of Library,	\$25 00
Paid for exchange of books with Coldbrook,	20 00
Paid express and postage,	32
By Balance on hand,	24 18
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	\$69 50

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN, MINNIE L. WOODIS, FRANK E. DAVIS,	}	Trustees.
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# SCHOOL REPORT.

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Good work has been accomplished by our schools in the past year. The winter term of the Centre schools was broken in upon by the scarlet fever, but all thus afflicted have fully recovered, and the best of health now prevails.

“Barnes’ Readers” have been introduced into our schools, and are much enjoyed by teachers and scholars. Also the “Vertical System” of writing. After a trial of less than two terms, the results are exceedingly satisfactory.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### DR.

To amount of appropriation, including transportation,	\$1200 00
Received State School Fund,	481 28
Dog tax refunded,	203 99
Cash from school supplies,	3 90
From State, High School tuition refunded,	195 25
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	\$2084 42

### CR.

By expenses of the several schools, as follows:

#### CENTRE SCHOOL —GRAMMAR.

Amount paid Miss A. L. Fuller, spring term,	\$110 00
“ “ “ Florence Bothwell, fall term,	90 00
“ “ “ “ “ winter term,	90 00
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	\$290 00

#### CENTRE SCHOOL.—PRIMARY.

Amount paid Miss F. I. Sargeant, spring term,	\$70 00
“ “ “ A. L. Fuller, fall term,	70 00
“ “ “ “ “ winter term,	70 00
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	\$210 00
Fuel,	28 00
Care of furnace and school-rooms,	27 40
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Total expense of Centre Schools, \$555 40

## COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Florence Bothwell, spring term,	\$90 00
“ “ “ Fannie E. Robinson, fall term,	80 00
“ “ “ “ “ winter term,	90 00
Fuel,	7 50
Care of house,	9 00
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	\$276 50

## WEST SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss J. H. O. Lovell, spring term,	\$65 00
“ “ “ Flossie Paquin, fall term,	65 00
“ “ “ “ “ winter term,	70 00
Fuel,	15 00
Care of house,	8 00
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	\$223 00

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

Amount paid Miss Minnie G. Dean, spring term,	\$65 00
“ “ Mrs. Minnie G. Woodis, fall term,	65 00
“ “ “ “ “ winter term,	70 00
Fuel,	13 25
Care of house,	8 50
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	\$221 75

Paid Town of Barre, High School tuition,	\$60 00
Town of Ware, “ “ “	94 00
City of Boston, “ “ “	82 31
For transportation of scholars,	79 40
“ Repairs on school houses,	31 00
“ School Supplies,	186 37
“ Medical Supervision, Dr. Chamberlain,	2 00
“ Supervision, Jesse Allen, 41 00	} 84 75
“ “ Minnie L. Woodis, 26 00	
“ “ H. W. Lincoln, 17 75	
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	\$619 83

Total expense of schools, \$1896 48

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Value on hand March 1, 1898,	\$160 64
“ “ “ March 1, 1897,	153 52

The attendance in the several schools has been as follows,

### CENTRE SCHOOL.—GRAMMAR.

Spring Term, whole number,	29	Average attendance,	28
Fall,           "           "           "	30	"           "	26
Winter       "           "           "	26	"           "	22

### CENTRE SCHOOL.—PRIMARY.

Spring Term, whole number,	23	Average attendance,	21
Fall       "           "           "	23	"           "	22
Winter   "           "           "	23	"           "	20

### COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Spring Term, whole number,	21	Average attendance,	20
Fall       "           "           "	24	"           "	21
Winter   "           "           "	20	"           "	17

### WEST SCHOOL.

Spring Term, whole number,	15	Average attendance,	13
Fall       "           "           "	14	"           "	12
Winter   "           "           "	11	"           "	8

### SOUTH SCHOOL.

Spring Term, whole number,	14	Average attendance,	13
Fall       "           "           "	14	"           "	12
Winter   "           "           "	13	"           "	11

### ATTENDANCE IN ALL THE SCHOOLS.

Spring Term, whole number,	102	Average attendance,	95
Fall       "           "           "	105	"           "	93
Winter   "           "           "	93	"           "	78

Number of scholars enrolled in all our schools, 109.

### ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy:

#### CENTRE SCHOOLS.

THREE TERMS.—Clement Ayres, Susie Gleason, Florinda Lincoln, Wayne Marsh, Robert Briggs, Leroy Burt, Alice Loring.

TWO TERMS.—Alice Allen, James Allen, Ruth Briggs, Roger Conant, David Robinson, Jennie Sheern, Willie Bullard, John Dwelly, Eva Allen, Mabel Conant, Irna Clifford, Mildred Burt, Sylvester Dean, Henry Grimes, Eva Grimes, Clarence Grimes, Edna Marsh, Ira Stone.

ONE TERM.—Edith Clifford, Maggie Gilboy, Mary Ware, Stella Wyman, Alice Dwelly, Flora Gueley, Alice Reed, Clarence Mullett, Cathie Bullard, Edna Boyd, Lila Hillier, Ira Bailey, Clifford Knight, Mary McGreevy, Ernest Reed, Mary Conant, Warren Dean.

### SOUTH SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS.—Nellie Gueley, Lucy Roper, Henry Roper, Willie Hallowell.

TWO TERMS.—Leroy Sanders, George Hallowell, Robert Dwelly.

ONE TERM.—Flora Gueley, Alice Dwelly, John Dwelly, Oscar Robinson, May Holman, Arthur Sanders, Earl Thresher.

### COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS.—Nattie Butterfield, Maud Caldwell, James Bemis

TWO TERMS.—Iola Bemis, Hazel Bemis, Esther Clark, Edward Bliss, Morton Butterfield, Evander Green, Paul Needham, Henry Morin.

ONE TERM.—Blanche Caldwell, Eva Gould, Kimball Clark, Winfield Parker, Fred Sibley.

### WEST SCHOOL.

THREE TERMS.—Minnie Bullard, Eddie Bullard.

TWO TERMS.—Alice Bullard, Mary O'Donnell.

ONE TERM.—Kittie O'Donnell, Milton Bullard.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,	} School Committee
MINNIE L. WOODIS,	
HORACE W. LINCOLN,	

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This is to certify that I have examined and approved the accounts, of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, School Committee, Road Commissioner, Tax Collector, Treasurer and Library Trustees and have found them to be correct.

W. M. ROBINSON, Auditor.



# *Births, Marriages and Deaths in Oakham in 1897.*

## BIRTHS.

Feb. 4 . . . . . Son to Patrick O'Donnell.  
Mar. 16 . . . . . Daughter to Clifford Rutherford.  
Apr. 26 . . . . . Son to Leroy H. Sargeant.  
May 11 . . . . . Son to Frank Holman.  
May 15 . . . . . Daughter to Walter R. Dean.  
July 8 . . . . . Daughter to Walter M. Robinson.  
July 10 . . . . . Son to Hemon Bates.  
Sept. 29 . . . . . Daughter to George L. Edson.  
Oct. 17 . . . . . Son to Frank Nye.  
Nov. 30 . . . . . Daughter to William Gaffney.  
Dec. 9 . . . . . Daughter to John O. Hale.

## MARRIAGES.

Apr. 12 . . . . . James K. Clark to Elizabeth E. Bentley.  
May 4 . . . . . Bernard Whitney to Mary Ann King.  
May 5 . . . . . Clarence A. Kennen to Ida M. Rice.  
June 26 . . . . . Mason M. Luce to Mary B. Luce.  
Aug. 19 . . . . . Walter A. Woodis to Minnie G. Dean.  
Oct. 5 . . . . . John O. Hale to Martha J. Loring.  
Nov. 17 . . . . . William C. Woodcock to Lizzie S. Parker.  
Nov. 24 . . . . . Frank R. Russell to Lena E. Dwelly.

## DEATHS.

	YEARS,	MONTHS.	DAYS.
Jan. 23 . . . Charles G. Parmenter,	82	7	12
May 3 . . . . Mrs. John Gaffney,	62		
June 25 . . . Nathaniel N. Brooks,	69	7	
July 8 . . . . Laura A. Brigham,	84	2	18
July 27 . . . Mrs. Sarah Packard,	76	9	20
Aug. 29 . . . George L. Perkins,	23	9	
Oct. 9 . . . . Martin P. O'Donnell,		8	5
Nov. 29 . . . Mrs. Kate Austin,	83	2	17
Dec. 27 . . . Lorenzo B. Chickering,	58	10	9

## BURIED IN TOWN.

Jan. 7 . . . . Gertrude M. Wilbur,	1	4	
Mar. 9 . . . . Frederick A. Ross,	22	9	9
June 4, . . . Chester W. Parker,	6		
Aug. 31 . . . Mrs. H. Olmstead,	59	2	23
Oct. 17 . . . Eugene H. Wilbur,		5	22
Oct. 27 . . . Mrs. Lois L. Swindel,	35		

JESSE ALLEN, TOWN CLERK.





